

REMARKS

Replacement Specification

The Examiner objected to the term "boss" as that term was used in the specification. The Applicant submits herewith a Replacement Specification where the term "boss" has been replaced with the term "receptacle" where such a replacement is appropriate. Additionally, the Replacement Specification includes paragraph numbers, which are not indicated as added in the "marked-up" version, but which match the paragraph numbers in the published application and are intended to facilitate replacement. Otherwise, changes are indicated with brackets for [deleted] text and underlines for added text.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112 and under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,040,843 issued to Russell et al., and by U.S. Pat. No. 6,085,822 issued to Applicant. Claims 1-7 are herein canceled. Applicant herein submits new claims 8-27. New independent claims 8, 13, 19, and 20 more particularly point out the novelty of the present invention that did canceled claims 1-7. For example, claim 8 claims an engaging track having a profile extending from the first edge along a decreasing-radius arc at least 180 degrees to a tip, and a protrusion extending away from the first edge towards the tip, and a protrusion extending away from a first edge towards the tip. This type of a track is not disclosed by either Russell et al. or Applicant's earlier patent.

Claim 13 claims an engaging track that has a profile having extending from an edge along an arc at least 180 degrees to a tip, and a receptacle track that has a profile having a first concave articulation surface spaced a distance apart from a second concave articulation surface, and a lip adjacent to the first articulation surface extending away from the first articulation

surface towards the second articulation surface. This type of a track is not disclosed by either Russell et al. or Applicant's earlier patent.

Claim 19 claims a receptacle track that has a profile having a first concave articulation surface spaced a distance apart from a second concave articulation surface, a lip adjacent to the first articulation surface extending away from the first articulation surface towards the second articulation surface, and a curved surface extending along an arc at least 210 degrees from the first concave articulation surface to the second concave articulation surface. This type of a track is not disclosed by either Russell et al. or Applicant's earlier patent.

Claim 20 claims a rolling shutter having a first slat and a second slat, wherein the first slat has an engaging track with a profile extending from the first edge along an arc at least 180 degrees to a tip, and the second slat has a receptacle track with a profile having a first concave articulation surface spaced a distance apart from a second concave articulation surface, and a lip adjacent to the first articulation surface extending away from the first articulation surface towards the second articulation surface. A shutter with slats having such a track and a receptacle is not disclosed by either Russell et al. or Applicant's earlier patent.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-27 are now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is hereby requested.

Further Action Requested

The Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner replace the specification with the Replacement Specification submitted herewith. The Applicant has herein canceled claims 1-7, and submitted new claims 8-27. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-27 are now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is hereby requested.

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